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Weather Indications.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Forecast for Kansas: Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday; southeast winds.

DEADLY PRIZE RING.

Another man has been killed in a prize fight. Has human life come to be valued so lightly that its wanton destruction is to be allowed to proceed merely for the purpose of furnishing entertainment for a gaping crowd of toughs and bums? These killings only differ from murders for which the perpetrators are hanged, in the probable absence of the element of malice prepense. These encounters differ not at all from dueling, which has been condemned and suppressed by almost the entire world, except in the absence of anything like justification.

In the present "high state of development" of the "manly art," it is almost as easy to kill a man with the fist as with a pistol. If a man went out the street and began shouting at people to see how near he could come to them without killing them he would be arrested at once and sent to jail or to the insane asylum, and yet that is practically what these prize fighters do and go unmolested. They trade with human life.

Any action on the part of the authorities after the fight does no good. What is needed is prevention. If there is no law to reach these brutes let one be passed by which any one who arranges to engage in a fight can be arrested and sent to the penitentiary or to the insane asylum. Until some law is passed the courts which are so free with their injunctions in most matters could easily issue injunctions and any one violating them could be sent to jail for contempt the same as other people. There is a plenty of ways of reaching these cases if only the authorities desire to do so. Some action which will prevent these brutal exhibitions is what is needed, for no amount of punishment can remedy the evil done by their occurrence.

We condemn the ancient Romans for their gladiatorial combats and are outraged by the bull fights of Mexico and Spain, and yet permit much worse exhibitions of barbarism to go on in our midst.

Prize fighters have gone on unmolested.

ed so long and have received so much attention from the public and so little from the officials that they are beginning to assume to be gentlemen and talk about "elevating" the ring; as if anything so debasing could be elevated. It is only a step further to make murder respectable. If something is not done soon we may look to see a "four hundred" made up of pugilists, thugs, gamblers, robbers, murderers and other "respectable" criminals.

KANSAS PARAGRAPHS.

Gove county has a town named Al-falfa.

The Salina paper mill has put in a new water purifier for the engine boilers, costing \$2,400.

A girl evangelist at the Friends church at Emporia, is keeping "the spirit" busy moving people.

Out in the irrigating country they call the man who fixes the machinery "the pump doctor," and it is so insignificant business.

The smallest event which has taken place in Jewell county this year was a baby which weighed 24 pounds with its clothes on.

The chicken show which began at Enterprise today is the first thing except irrigation that town has had to crow over for a good while.

Profanity among the street loafers at Parsons has become so loud and boisterous that the respectable "cussers" fear that the habit will be brought into disrepute.

Nortonville News: If you owe Hummel Bros. anything come in and pay Dan and save him the trouble of writing you a letter. He hates to write letters.

The Rosetti circle at Winfield has begun to hold regular meetings since the winter is far enough advanced for poetry of the "clinging kisses" sort.

Dr. W. A. Quayle is to lecture at Hutchinson for the first time in over a year, and they are trying to make it as big a thing as the irrigating convention.

The railroad conductors are going to give a ball at Chanute December 21. The girls are making an alarming number of Christmas things in hope of getting a bid.

The fame of Mr. Schermerhorn, who killed the Sylvan Grove bank robber has climbed to that awful point where people are beginning to claim relationship to him.

Howard is troubled with a lot of boys from 12 to 17 years old who don't work, who don't go to school, who don't do anything except make the cigarette trade profitable.

Somebody has paid the Fredonia Citizen \$15 back subscription, and the question which is causing ideas to chase back and forth through the editor's head is, What office does he want?

A representative from Atchison county received a bunch of letters three inches thick congratulating him on his election to the legislature and one six inches thick asking him for his support for different positions in the house.

A Cloud county woman who started out with 200 hens kept tally, and the result is a credit of 15,000 eggs to them since January 1, 1894. If each hen had been faithful up to date there would have been 75,000 eggs, which goes to show that they took a good many "lay offs."

FUNERAL OF GEO. MORGAN.

His Schoolmates Send Flowers.—Dr. Blakesley Official.

The funeral of George Percival Morgan took place on Saturday at 3 o'clock from the family residence, 719 Quincy street. Notwithstanding the heavy rain that was falling at the time, the house was filled with sympathizing friends of the bereaved family. The floral offerings were beautiful and profuse. Some that were specially touching were the flowers from his schoolmates of the 7 A and 7 B grades of Harrison school and from his little friend, Robert Haney.

Dr. L. Blakesley offered some appropriate words of sympathy, and the services at the house closed with music by a quartet composed of Dr. Blakesley, Chas. Caldwell, Mrs. J. P. Wahle and Fanny Blakesley.

The unexpected summons from earth of this young life, so full of promise, is a shock that was felt throughout the entire community.

A calamity such as this compels a recognition of the truth, that "Things which are seen are temporal, and only the unseen things are eternal." B.

A NOVEL INSTITUTION.

The Congregationalists Will Furnish Hot Coffee to Shopmen at Cost.

A large room in the tower of the main entrance to the Santa Fe shops has been secured by the Congregational Union of Topeka for purposes of practically doing good. The Congregationalists propose to see that none of the shopmen eat a cold dinner, and the room has been painted and fitted up with many chairs and tables, where hot coffee will be dispensed at the actual cost of production, probably two cents for a big cup-full. The remainder of the noon lunch the workmen bring themselves.

Rev. Mr. Byers of the North Topeka church proposes so far as possible to have young ladies in the Christian Endeavor society to wait on the tables. Another feature of the institution will be weekly religious services in the room.

A QUEER HIDING PLACE.

A Grocery Man Hides His Money on the Floor and Nearly Loses It.

The grocery store of L. Brubaker, at 1416 East Eighth street, was destroyed by fire at 2:15 this morning. The stock of goods, as well as the building, is a total loss. The residence next the store, occupied by George Howard, was badly damaged, but was saved by arduous work of the fire department.

While the grocery store was burning, and after it was found that it could not be saved, a man approached Chief Wilmarth and told him that he was L. Brubaker and owned the store, and that all the money he had in the world was in a wallet on the floor of the burning building where it had been hidden. The man gave the chief the location of the place as well as he could, and a hole was cut through the wall and while a stream of water kept back the flames a fireman crawled through the opening, found the package and it was turned over to the owner. He did not say how much it contained, but it looked like a large amount, high among the hundreds of dollars.

The loss on both buildings will be about \$10,000. The grocery stock was insured for \$300.

Oxford club meeting tonight at National Hotel parlors. W. A. Smith, P. N.

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Ladies' fine Combination Pocket Books and Purses at 25c, 50c and 75c each.

Ladies' Leather Shopping Bags at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50

ENTER HINCKLEY'S HOME.

Burglars Break Into His House—Also the House Next Door.

While H. V. Hinckley and family were all at church last evening, burglars broke into the kitchen window of his residence 510 West Fifth and ransacked the house thoroughly. They were evidently after money only as they pawed over a gold watch and other jewelry but took nothing.

Mr. Hinckley says that they used poor judgment if they mistook him for a savings bank. Apparently disgusted with the result they went through the parsonage of the German church next door west across the alley and found eight dollars.

Shirts mended by the Peerless.

CHICAGO'S MAYOR ILL.

He Has a Serious Throat Ailment and Goes to Consult Specialists.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Friends of Mayor John P. Hopkins are alarmed by a serious ailment affecting his throat. Arduous work during the campaign a year ago and this, made it difficult to conquer the disease. Hoarseness has increased to such extent that he will go east tomorrow to consult specialists.

"Bill" McKelvey, who was charged with stealing thirteen head of cattle at Silver Lake, was found not guilty late Saturday. There were some strong reasons for believing his guilt but the defendant got the benefit of the doubt.

Triplicate mirrors at Swift & Holliday's.

Christmas Presents—Easy Payments.

E. W. Hughes, 211 East Fifth street, sells watches, rings, jewelry, and household specialties, on easy payments. I have no agents. I sell goods only out of the store. Give me a call for your Christmas presents, and see how much cheaper you can buy of me than of some other installment house.

E. W. Hughes, 211 E. Fifth street.

Santa Fe Agent Changed.

W. W. Tagg has been made the general ticket agent of the Santa Fe at Wichita in place of W. D. Muddock, who has resigned to accept a position with the Mexican Central. Mr. Tagg was city ticket agent there.

Necktie boxes at Swift & Holliday's.

The Air Is Full of Clothing Sales

Just now—all sorts of sales—that cannot very well stand an airing.—Almost every store in town succeeded in unearthing some "clothing relic" of by-gone times, and is proceeding to "inflict" these shelf-worn and out-of-date styles upon an unsuspecting public—with an enthusiasm worthy of a better cause. They remind us of the proverbial fly in the molasses jug—they thrash around wildly and buzz a little, then die.—In the light of our Progressive Methods, Aggressive Tactics and TRUTHFUL advertising—they are not even in the race—and EVERYBODY KNOWS IT!

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Men's Suits.	Overcoats.	Trousers.	Boys' Clothing.	Hats-Gloves.	Furnishings.
Men's \$5 Wool Suits— Price now \$2 50	Men's \$5 Ulsters— Price now \$2 98	All wool Knee Pants, double knees, double seat, elastic waist- bands, \$1 value—Price.. 50c	\$2.50 Knee Pant Suits and Overcoats—Price now..... \$1 48	Men's \$2 Hats— Price now 88c	Fast Black 5c Hose— Price now 10c
Cassimere \$3.50 Sack and Frock Suits—Price now.. 4 75	\$8 all wool Overcoats— Price now 4 75	Men's stout warranted Not- to-Rip Pants—Price now.. \$1 00	\$3 all wool Suits and Overcoats Price now 1 98	Men's \$3 Hats— Price now \$1 48	Fine Merino Black Hose, Splendid Kneel and Toe. Sold at 5c. Price now 15c
All Wool \$10 and \$12 Sack and Frock Suits—Price.. 6 75	\$10 and \$12 Overcoats, satin and plain lined— Price now 6 75	Men's and Boys' \$2.50 all wool Pants—Price now.. 1 48	\$4 all wool Suits and Overcoats Price now 2 48	Men's \$4 Hats— Price now 1 95	Mother's Friend. See Waists— Price now 19c
All Wool \$15 and \$16.50 Sack and Frock Suits—Price.. 9 50	\$18.50 all wool Beaver Overcoats—Price now..... 8 50	Men's and Boys' \$3 all wool Pants—Price now 1 98	\$5 all wool Suits and Overcoats Price now 3 50	Men's \$1 Caps— Price now 50c	Unlaundered White Shirts, Reinforced Elbow Bottom and Cuffs. Sold at 7c. Price now 39c
Fine all wool Sack, Frock and Prince Albert \$18 Suits— Price now 12 50	\$15 Fine black Melton Over- coats—Price now 9 50	Men's and Boys' \$4 all wool Pants—Price now 2 35	Youths' Clothing. (Ages 14 to 18 Years.) Youth Overcoats and Suits, sold at \$5—Price now..... \$2 98	Men's 50c Fleece Lined Wool Mitts—Price now 15c	75c, \$1.00 Fine Night Shirts— Price now 48c
Fine Dress Sack, Frock and Prince Albert \$20 and \$22.50, some \$25 Suits—Price now 14 50	\$18 Royal Kersey and Auburn Mel- ton Overcoats— Price now 12 50	Men's Dress \$5.00 and \$5.00 Fine Pants—Price now.. 3 50	Youth Overcoats and Suits, worn \$6 and \$7—Price now.. 3 75	75c Scotch Wool Gloves— Price now 25c	\$1.25 Fine Night Shirts— Price now 98c
	\$20 Finest Dress Overcoats Price now 14 50	Any size—any pattern—any style.	Youth Suits and Overcoats, worn \$3—Price now 4 87	\$1 Gloves and Mitts— Price now 50c	Fine 1.00 Pure Silk Suspenders— Price now 50c
			Youth Suits and Overcoats, worn \$10—Price now 6 25	\$1.25 Buck Gloves with knit wrist—Price now 75c	50c Neckwear— Price now 23c
				\$1.50 Fine Gloves and Mitts— Price now 98c	\$1.50 Fine Mufflers— Price now 98c

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